



Administrative Policies and Procedures: 27.7

Subject:	Sleeping Accommodations for Youth in DCS Juvenile Justice Facilities
Authority:	TCA 37-5-105, 37-5-106
Standards:	ACA: 3-JTS-2C-12; COA: PA-GLS 11.01, 13.02, PA-RTX 15.01, DCS Practice Standards: 8-306
Application:	To All Department of Children's Services Juvenile Justice Employees

Policy Statement:

All youth housed in youth development centers and DCS group homes shall be provided with adequate and appropriate sleeping accommodations.

Purpose:

To ensure adequate sleeping accommodations are provided according to established procedures and standards.

Procedures:

A. Provisions for adequate and appropriate sleeping accommodations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Each DCS facility shall provide adequate and appropriate sleeping accommodations for youth.2. Male and female youth housed in the same facility are:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Segregated by gender;b) Placed in separate dormitories and sleeping rooms; andc) Not assigned to occupy the same sleeping rooms.3. Sleeping areas and bathroom enclosures contain doors or other closures to promote privacy, unless there is clear, clinical written justification for their removal.
B. Emergency situations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Upon the discretion, approval and authorization of the YDC Superintendent or DCS Group Home Supervisor, and only in emergency situations (such as illness or severe emotional disturbance exhibited by a youth), shall designated adult staff be permitted to sleep at a DCS facility for safety and security issues.2. In the event of an emergency situation, the adult staff's sleeping area must be separate and apart from youth sleeping area.

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Collateral documents:	<i>None</i>
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